

# **ERIE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Amy Danzer at 6:10 p.m. on February 25, 2013. The following Commission members were in attendance: Amy Danzer, Bob Currie, Mary Hayes, Judy Jobes, and Ebony Davis. The following Commission staff members were also present: Joseph Aguglia, Charlotte Scalise, and Heidi Meyer. The following Commission member was absent: Tom Wellington (excused – sick)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was cast by Mary Hayes to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 26, 2012, as written. The Motion was seconded by Ebony Davis. All were in favor.

## **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**



**B. NEW COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:** Colleen Loll-Illig has resigned. County Council Member Carol Loll will need to appoint a new Commissioner to fill the vacant seat. Therefore, Vice Chairperson, Tom Wellington, will take over as Commission Chairperson, effective immediately. As Tom is not in attendance, Charlotte Scalise will let him know.

**C. NEW COMMISSION MEMBER:** Willy McAdory has been appointed by the City to fill their vacant member seat; Joseph Aguglia just received notice today. Staff will contact Mr. McAdory to make sure he receives a schedule of the Commission meetings.

**D. CASE STATUS:** Joseph Aguglia reported that Commission staff has taken in a few new cases, both in housing and employment. However, 95% of new cases are employment – same as national average.

## **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**A. HUD:** Joseph Aguglia reported that the HRC has now received the \$2800 for case processing from the last contract year.

**B. EEOC:** In order to give us a contract and funding, the EEOC wants the HRC to increase its case load; the EEOC does not want to fund a small commission.

**C. OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:** If anyone knows of or has any ideas for other sources of funding for the HRC, please let Joseph Aguglia know. He has written grants before.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DIVERSITY TRAINING (LYNN JOHNSON'S PROJECT):** Lynn Johnson has been back in contact with Joseph Aguglia regarding scheduling diversity training with jonna olssen. Mr. Johnson has been battling serious health issues that stalled the process, but he wants to re-submit a proposal to the Commission when his health is better.

**B. HRC'S ANNUAL HOUSING SEMINAR – APRIL 17, 2013:** Charlotte Scalise has lined up various speakers; including a speaker regarding City & County Codes and enforcement.

**C. HRC'S ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR – JUNE 27, 2013:** Charlotte Scalise is still working on speakers, but Commissioners should save the date and plan to attend, if possible.

**D. HOMEBUILDER'S ASSOCIATION HOME SHOW:** HRC staff is unsure of the dates of this annual function. Commission members will be advised of the dates as soon as possible so they can plan to assist staff in manning the HRC table at the event.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one from the public was present. Judy Jobes mentioned that she has a meeting with her Senior group at Ryan Bizzarro's office on March 28, 2013 – anyone interested can contact her for more information.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. Motion was cast by Judy Jobes and was seconded by Amy Danzer. All were in favor. The next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting will be held on March 25, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted by Staff, Heidi Meyer.